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1. MEMCON OF JUNE 6 MEETING US MEMBERS BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
BNSF AIR POUCHED EMB JUNE 15 ALONG WITH COPY OF RICHMOND/
STEVE LETTER.

2. POLLACK AND RICHMOND MET WITH SHER AND NAVEH JUNE 4,
FOLLOWING SHER' S RETURN FROM ISRAEL. SHER MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

(A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DR. BERGMANN HAD TOLD HIM
THAT " THE PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED", PRESUMABLY
IN FAVOR OF AT LEAST INITIAL FULL TIME EXEC.
DIR. HOWEVER, SHER NOTED HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED
THIS POINT WITH DR. TAL.

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(B) US RESEARCH PRIORITIES - ISRAELI SIDE WILLING TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SOME ONGOING PL-480 PROJECTS WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE ENDED, BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF RESERVATION CERTIFICATES, AS LONG AS US SIDE DID NOT INSIST ON MAKING RIGID BOARD OF GOVERNORS RULE THAT ONGOING PROJECTS

MUST HAVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. FIGURE OF \$1.8 MILLION TO SUPPORT THIS CATEGORY PROJECT WAS ALLRIGHT WITH ISRAELIS. (FYI: DETAILED FINAL LISTING OF US PRIORITY PROJECTS NOW TOTALS \$2.1 MILLION, HOWEVER, NSF TRANSLATION PROGRAM AT \$400 K IS ALSO ISRAELI PRIORITY.)

(C) ISRAELI RESEARCH PRIORITIES - TRANSLATION PROGRAM IS AN ISRAELI PRIORITY. THEY WOULD ALLOCATE APPRX. \$350 K TO ITS SUPPORT FY-74.

(D) RULES AND PROCEDURES - ISRAELI SIDE HAS NO SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENT WITH DEC. 72 US DRAFT; HOWEVER, THEY WOULD PREFER BOARD USE RULES AND PROCEDURES AS INFORMAL " INTERIM GUIDELINES" UNTIL BNSF NEEDS AND DIRECTIONS MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED.

(E) VICE CHAIRMAN - DR. BERGMANN WILLING TO BE VICE CHAIRMAN; PRESUMABLY TO ACCEDE TO CHAIR.

(F) US DEPUTY EXEC DIRECTOR - ISRAELIS HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE; HOWEVER, PERSON WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT ISRAELI SCALE.

3. SINCE ISRAELI AGENDA PAPERS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED, AND RICHMOND LEAVING JUNE 20, EMB REQUESTED TO HAVE DUPLICATE SETS FOR USE OF US GOVERNORS, RICHMOND AND RONKIN AVAILABLE JUNE 23.

4. RE US DEPUTY EXEC DIRECTOR: REQUEST EMBASSY GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY ADDITIONAL NAMES IT MAY WISH TO BRING TO US MEMBERS ATTENTION. ROGERS
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